

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOMERS COUNTY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Somers County Water and Sewer District was held on January 10, 2018 at the Somers Museum.

President Ruth Hellen called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.. Present were Don Peters, Mark Manning and Karen Rhodes. Bob Foley was absent and excused. Andy Loudermilk, Manager/Operator was also present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Don moved. Mark second.

RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2017 meeting.

All Aye.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Larsen Engineering.** Andy stated that this is the property we talked about last month. Larsen Engineering has presented the plans of a subdivision of a lot at 279 School Addition Road. There is currently two lots with one lot having a house on it. They would like to subdivide the vacant lot into 2 lots. They are requesting a Will Serve Letter. Andy reported that he had contacted Rich Gebhardt concerning the Will Serve Letters and conditions. Rich sent documents showing the wording for the School Addition area which are currently on wells but have sewer service available. The wording for all future properties in this area will have a clause stating that the property must connect their water service within 90 days after a water main is available to the property.

**B. Liechti Proposed Subdivision.** Mark Liechti has contacted Andy concerning the Doten property on School Addition Road. They are contemplating subdividing the land north of the Doten house and to the west. Andy told them that they would need to extend the water main from School Addition Rd to the property. Mark did not give any information about the possible subdivision size or plans.

Ruth stated that this subject should be tabled until they ask to attend the meeting with plans.

Discussion was held concerning the water plant investment fees being paid up front as a condition on the Will Serve Letter. The PIF will be due upon approval of the subdivision.

At this point the agenda was changed to move Old Business B. Recommended Rules and Regulations Update.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**B. Recommended Rules and Regulations Update.** Ruth asked that a motion be made concerning the first reading of the Rules.

Mark moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to approve First Reading of Rules and Regulations Updates.

All Aye.

The changes of the Rules were discussed page by page.

Page 12. Under Plant Investment Fees. Language needs to state that a subdivision results in 2 or more lots will be required to pay the Water Plant Investment Fees upfront as a condition in the Will Serve letter. This amount will be required after the subdivision is approved by Flathead County.

Section 11. "Upon application approval a payment of \$2,250 based on a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " meter"

"Water plant investment fees will be calculated using the following formula:"

"The Capacity Unit is equal to \$2,700 times district meter size...."

There will no longer be access for "Out of District " property for water.

Page 13 delete "New water service which is located within the original townsite construction area, will be charged \$750.00 connection charge."

Page 14. Section 14.3 will be deleted.

Page 15. Section 15, "H. Suitable shut-off.....valves and the pump. All valves shall be above grade and accessible for operations and service without having to enter a confined space.

Page 16. Section 18. ".....meter pit whichever is nearer to the Districts water main. The District will be responsible for the sewer service from the point of connection to the District main to the edge of the road, right of way or road easement or utility easement.

Page 24. Section 6. (1) Monthly charges for water service to customers shall be \$1.58 per thousand gallons usage and a minimum charge of \$12.60. Beginning March 1, 2006 the minimum base rate will be based upon meter size per month:

Delete "Usage will be charged \$1.50 In-District and 1.88 per thousand gallons, and"

Page 25. "Normal Monthly charge PLUS \$21,00 for the first 25,000 gallons.

(3) Private Fire Sprinkler.....will be charge \$40.00 per month.

Karen asked that the "definitions" section be placed in alphabetical order to avoid confusion.

All agreed with the changes and we will have 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Rules and Regulations in February with hope that upon 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and final reading at the March meeting.

A. **Engineer's Report.** Shari will be advertising for bids for the Summit Avenue Project on January 25 and February 3.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT.**

The Manager's Report was presented and discussed previously during this meeting.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

A. **Financial Report.** The financial reports for month ending 12/31/2017 were presented. There were 2 sewer cds at First Interstate Bank which have matured and were rolled over.

B. **Bills.** The Unpaid Bills Report was presented. The unpaid bill for TW Enterprises has been voided.

Mark moved. Don second.

RESOLVED to pay the bills as presented totaling \$15,446.05.

All Aye.

Ruth asked that we also include RV Parks language in the Rules and Regulations. Andy will research and include this in the Rules Changes.

Montana Rural Water Convention in February. Rita will send out the agenda for the convention to all Boardmembers and if anyone is interested in attending to contact her.

Mark Manning left at 7:24 p.m..

C. **Correspondence.** We received a letter from Flathead Election Department. Don and Karen are up for election. They need to present papers to the election prior to February 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m..



D. **Delinquents.** The delinquent list was presented.

Being no further business.

Don moved. Karen second.

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.

All Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m..

Minutes approved at the February 14, 2018 meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary